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EXIT POLICY FOR TELECOM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to formulate a separate exit policy for telecom sector;

(b) if so, the details and the salient features thereof along with the expected timeline for the same;

(c) whether telecom players who wish to exit the business need to surrender their license and offer the option of Mobile Number Portability instead of transferring subscribers to other operators;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the manner in which new exit policy is going to address the aforementioned issues?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) No separate exit policy for telecom sector is under consideration of the Government at present.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) & (d) Yes Madam, In view of (a) above, telecom players who wish to exit the business need to surrender their licence and offer the option of Mobile number portability instead of transferring subscribers to other operators.

(e) Does not arise in view of (a) above.